



**South Florida Water Management District
Regulatory Peer Review Forum
March 6, 2009
9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
SUMMARY**

Attendees:

Ed Weinberg	EW Consultants
Howard L. Searcy	SearcyBoyle-AECOM
Ronald Crone	Lake Worth Drainage District
Patrick Martin	Lake Worth Drainage District
Fred Roth	Schorah & Associates
Jay Foy	Stormwater J Engineering
Gerry Ward	Consulting Engineer
Irene Kennedy Quincey	Pavose Law Firm
L. Van Cott	Southern Design
Dan Clark	
Bob Higgins	Higgins Engineering
Todd McLeod	Civil Design
Bob Brown	SFWMD – Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Tony Waterhouse	SFWMD – Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Damon Meiers	SFWMD – Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Laurie Donovan	SFWMD – Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Anita Bain	SFWMD – Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Brian Tilles	SFWMD – Environmental Resource Regulation Staff
Susan Martin	SFWMD - Office of Counsel

1. Opening Remarks – Tony Waterhouse

Mr. Waterhouse opened the meeting at about 9:10 a.m.

Mr. Waterhouse introduced Bob Brown, Director of Environmental Resource Regulation Department.

2. ERP Application Fees – Bob Brown

Mr. Brown handed out copies of his PowerPoint presentation along with a spreadsheet indicating the Fee Change Projection (Proposed) showing the current fee and proposed fee (copies of both are attached)

There was general discussion regarding the proposed fee increase. Mr. Brown stated that the last fee increase was in 1999. He also stated that State Statute requires that fees must be reviewed at least every 5 years.

Discussion points on the PowerPoint presentation included:

- Fee on Permit Transfers
- Fee for No Notice General Permit should be reworded to “Verification of No-Notice”
- Also fee for Exemptions should be reworded to “Verification of Exemption”
- Individual Modifications with minor changes that affect Special Conditions or Exhibits should be not be charged the Individual Mod fee. There was discussion on needs for variable categories and for changing the Letter Mod rules to include Special Conditions.
- The high fee for a formal wetland determination for projects less than 1 acre was discussed. Anita Bain stated that she would look at an acreage breakdown for fee
- Whether the news fees are going towards old compliance issues. It was stated that the new fees are handling compliance for new permits only.

3. Statewide Stormwater Rule – Damon Meiers

Mr. Meiers stated that the TAC meetings ended in November 2008. He also stated that due to unknown economic costs the process is on hold for 1 year and Legislature Authority is not going to be pursued at this time. In an effort to determine any additional treatment that may be required by the proposed rule a series of hypothetical projects are being analyzed and compared to existing requirements. In addition, District engineers are comparing the proposed rule to existing rules on previously permitted project.

Discussion ensued on several topics:

- It was questioned what will happen if analysis shows significant impact.
- It was reinforced that there was a need to look at economic impacts of the proposed rule.
- Mr. Higgins mentioned the need to get dry detention back into the rule.
- There were concerns that this rule goes too far in terms of expecting that this additional criteria, imposed on future development, will clean up the water bodies.
- Mr. Higgins also is encouraging consultants to do some analysis of existing projects to determine the real impact of the proposed rule.

4. Legislative Streamlining

Mr. Waterhouse discussed that there are many legislative initiatives to streamline permitting requirements at State level. General discussion followed.

5. E-Permitting

Mr. Waterhouse discussed training being conducted for E-Permitting and encouraged attending training being offered and to utilize the E-Permitting process.

5. Next meeting date/other /topics adjournment

- Mr. Ward handed out a summary of a recent Administrative Hearing order related to a beach renourishment project in Palm Beach County
- Mr. Foy suggested future topic of variable control elevations and the Palm Beach County Water Resource Task Force.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.